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BREAUX BRIDGE MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING MAIL

U.S. Postal Inspectors observe defendant retrieving stolen mail items

Lafayette, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **TERRY COURVILLE**, age 41, from Breaux Bridge, Louisiana was sentenced to 5 years probation and 20 hours of community service by United States District Judge Tucker Melançon for conspiracy to commit theft of mail by a postal employee.

A 15-count Bill of Information was filed against **TERRY COURVILLE** and his wife, Vickie Courville, in July 2005 following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Investigation Service. **TERRY COURVILLE** pleaded guilty in February 2006. Vickie Courville was sentenced in January of this year to 5 years probation, 90 days in a halfway house, 200 hours of community service and ordered to pay \$21 in restitution.

Vickie Courville was employed as a United States Postal Service clerk at the New Iberia Post Office

in July 2004. TERRY COURVILLE and Vickie Courville stole and embezzled the content of numerous parcels of mail. Vickie Courville removed items from the mail stream and placed those items in postal lockers, which are primarily used by post office box holders to retrieve items too large for their postal boxes. After placing the mail items in these postal lockers, Vickie Courville gave TERRY COURVILLE a key to access the lockers with instructions to remove the items and take them to their home in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

The Courvilles were arrested in July 2004 when agents of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service observed TERRY COURVILLE retrieving the stolen items from the postal lockers.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission may only be used as guidelines by the judge. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelly P. Uebinger.

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